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| <b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><br>To Commissioner For Patents<br>Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner. | Application Number     | 10/023,196           |
|   | Filing Date            | December 18, 2001    |
|   | First Named Inventor   | Antonius H. Holtslag |
|   | Group Art Unit         | 2673                 |
|   | Examiner Name          | David Lee Lewis      |
|   | Attorney Docket Number | NL 000736            |

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 5, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (may not be a brief)

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

- a. ☒ The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270

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| <b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED</b> |                     |                                   |         |
| Name (Print Type)  | Frank Keegan        | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 50,145  |
| Signature  | <i>Frank Keegan</i> | Date                              | 6/21/04 |

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| <b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION</b>   |                   |      |         |
| I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office tel#: (703) 872-9306 on the date below: |                   |      |         |
| Name (Print Type)   | Edna Chapa        | Date | 6/21/04 |
| Signature   | <i>Edna Chapa</i> | Date | 6/21/04 |